Catering and Hotel Services by Railways

2287. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to set up its own chain of hotels, on the pattern of Rail Yatri Niwas, New Delhi, all over the country and a comprehensive catering service for running trains and passengers in such hotels and otherwise;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. About 100 stations of tourist interest on Indian Railways have been identified for the construction of Budget Hotels/Rail Yatri Niwases. Location wise details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) At present meals on trains are supplied by the base kitchens/pantry cars run by Railway/private licensees according to suitability and timings of the trains. However, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation can examine the feasibility of catering services on trains from these Hotels, if found financially viable.

Project of additional Yatri Niwas/Hotels will be taken up by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation through private participation.

Statement

RAILWAY HOTELS—PROPOSED LOCATIONS

Railway	Location
Central	Agra Cantt, Mumbai, Jalgaon, Jhansi, Lonavala, Pune, Sanchi, Gwalior, Bhopal, Wardha, Mathura, Matheran, Nagpur, Solapur
Eastern	Gaya, Howrah, Nalanda, Patna, Bolpur
Northern	Amritsar, Dehradun, Haridawar, Jaisalmar, Jammu Tawi, Lucknow, New Delhi, Rishikesh, Varanasi, Allahabad, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Delhi (Okhla), Jodhpur, Kurukshetra, Patiala, Shimla, Solan

North Eastern	Balrampur, Gorakhpur, Naugharh, Rajgir, Raxaul, Sarnath, Katgodam
Northeast Frontier	Barpeta Road, Darjeeling, Guwahati
Southern	Bangalore, Cochin, Kanchipuram, Mysore, Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Madurai, Pondicherry, Tanjavur, Tiruchurapalli, Trivendrum, Rameshwaram, Udagamandalam, Chidambaram, Kodaikanal Rd., Kottayam, Pichavaram
South Central	Aurangabad, Bijapur, Hospet, Madgaon, Secunderabad, Talguppa, Badami, Tirupati, Warangal
South Eastern	Bhubnaneswar, Puri, Ranchi, Cuttack
Western	Abu Road, Agra Fort, Ahmedabad, Bharatpur, Chittaurgarh, Dadar, Indore, Jaipur, Palitana, Sasingir, Udaipur, Veraval, Ajmer, Alwar, Bhuj, Bhavnagar, Dwarka, Jamnagar, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Surat, Vadodara, Porbandar

Upgradation of Technology to Minimise Accidents

2288. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of rail derailments and accidents during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) whether Government have recently reviewed safety measures on Indian Railways and the reasons for failure of safety system;

(c) the details of action taken to curb the number and rate of accidents, through upgradation of technology in accident prone areas; and

(d) the action plan for the present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Zone-wise details